

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of automatically prioritizing cells in a neighbor list of a communications system. The priority is defined as the number of times a cell in the neighbor list has been added to the active set. Cells that have been added to the active set more often are given a higher priority. Such higher priority cells are considered first for addition to the monitored set because they are more likely to successfully move from the monitored set to the active set.

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